



PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re the Application of

Frederic BESEME et al.

Application No.: 09/446,024

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: December 16, 1999

Examiner: G. Leffers, Jr.

For: ENDOGENETIC RETROVIRAL SEQUENCES, ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OR
WITH PREGNANCY DISORDERS

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Sir:

Before examination of the Continued Prosecution Application filed July 30, 2002,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the Abstract as attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 4-10, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

The present invention relates to a new nucleic material of the endogenous retroviral
genomic type, various nucleotide fragments comprising it or which are obtained from said
material, as well as their use as a marker for at least one autoimmune disease or a pathology
which is associated with it, a pathological pregnancy or an unsuccessful pregnancy.

Page 10, lines 5-8, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

- "functional" is understood to mean the characteristic according to which a nucleotide

D2 sequence, a nucleic material or a nucleotide fragment comprises an "informational sequence,"

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